

## **NOTICE OF PREPARATION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

This is to inform the general public that the United States Army Corps of Engineers Los Angeles District (Corps) has preliminarily determined that the following project proposal could be adequately evaluated under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) through conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA).

<b>Proposal Title</b>	<b>Cinco de Mayo Celebration at Whittier Narrows Basin</b>
<b>Proponent</b>	<b>County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation</b>
<b>Proposed Implementation Date</b>	<b>May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012</b>
<b>Proposed Federal Action</b>	<b>County of Los Angeles Parks and Recreation would exercise its Recreation Outgrant from the US Army Corps of Engineers.</b>

This is the 19th year of the Cinco de Mayo event to be held at Whittier Narrows. This event anticipates approximately 35,000 – 50,000 (35K-50K) people and approximately 4,000 - 5,000 vehicles. Admission for this event is free and there is a \$15 parking fee per vehicle, with parking in Area A and B only. This event will feature live entertainment, promotional booths, food and beverage booths including 3 beer gardens, souvenir booths, outreach/informational booths, and etc. Cleanup of the site would be completed by 5 p.m., May 9th, 2012. Park areas next to sensitive environmental areas are excluded from the event. Other nearby recreation and wildlife areas will remain open and accessible to the public.

<b>Location</b>	The event location is Whittier Narrows Recreation Area, Area B, which includes dirt and turfed special event areas north of the I-60 freeway. A map showing event activity locations is provided.
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<b>Public Involvement</b>	The Corps is inviting the general public to submit comments on potential environmental impacts that could result from implementation of the proposal. The public comment period on preparation of an EA for the proposal described above will extend from <b>12-27 April, 2012</b> . Please direct comments, if any, no later than 6 pm April 27 to Carvel Bass, US Army Corps of Engineers at <a href="mailto:carvel.h.bass@usace.army.mil">carvel.h.bass@usace.army.mil</a> or by mail at 915 Wilshire Boulevard, Ste. 11098, Los Angeles, CA, 90017. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Carvel Bass, Ecologist, Asset Management Division at (213) 452-3392.
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The Corps will actively consider any comments timely received. The results of this consideration would be reflected in a memorandum for record placed in the Administrative Record, unless consideration of the comments was reflected directly in the EA, either through a modification of

the document prompted by the comments or an appendix to the EA articulating responses to the comments. Once the EA is complete and if a FONSI is determined to be appropriate based upon the analysis contained in the EA, pursuant to the last cause of 33 CFR § 230.11, a separate notification will be sent to concerned agencies, organizations and to the interested public stating that the FONSI is available for review. If significant effects on the quality of the human environment are subsequently identified and can not be mitigated to a less than significant level, the Corps will initiate preparation of an EIS and afford the public opportunities to participate in the environmental review process.

